



# BASILEUS

BAROSSA VALLEY

2018 SHIRAZ

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## VINEYARD

Basileus is a Greek term that has signified various types of Monarchs throughout history. In the English speaking world, it has most widely been understood to mean 'King'. Shiraz is the King of red grapes in Australia and the Barossa Valley is world renowned as the King of Australia's Shiraz regions.

This wine has been carefully crafted from grapes grown predominantly in a single vineyard in the Stonewell area to the north of the region blended with smaller parcels from Bethany in the south and Angaston to the east, Basileus really is a taste of the best of the Barossa.

The growing season started off well with higher than average Winter rainfall, setting the vines up for a good start to the season. Drier conditions then continued through Spring and early summer, that, combined with warmer than average October and November days, meant the vine canopies grew quickly; flowering well and setting a good number of bunches. January and February were warm and dry, and the Indian summer of March and early April was 'the icing on the cake', with average temperatures, without extremes, perfect for finishing off vintage.

## WINEMAKING

Upon arriving at our 110-year-old winery the grapes were gently de-stemmed and fermentation in small open fermenters was initiated by the indigenous yeasts of the winery. The must was carefully plunged and pumped over twice daily to coax colour and flavour from the skins. Once dry the wine was basket-pressed to French oak to patiently mature and meld the multitude of flavours and aromas. The resultant wine reflects our philosophy of letting the Barossa Valley soils and environment express themselves through the wine.

## TASTING NOTES

COLOUR	Deep, dark brooding purple with magenta hues.
AROMA	Exotic spice, licorice and blackberry on nose.
FLAVOUR	Rich, succulent and powerful on the palate with sandalwood and spice from the French oak and a long soft finish.
CELLAR POTENTIAL	10+ years.

## HAVE IT WITH ...

Slow Cooked Beef Cheeks in red wine sauce or Vegetarian Lasagne.